

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Ichiro HIRAO et al.

Application No.: 10/521,454

Confirmation No.: 8799

Filed: November 29, 2005

Art Unit: 1633

For: NUCLEOSIDE OR NUCLEOTIDES HAVING  
NOVEL UNNATURAL BASES AND USE  
THEREOF

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Examiner: J. L. Epps-Smith

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Interview Summary dated November 11, 2009, for the interview conducted November 4, 2009, please see the Remarks which begin at page 2 of this paper.

### **REMARKS**

An Amendment to the last Office Action in the present application was filed October 29, 2009. An interview regarding the application was conducted between Examiner Epps-Smith and Applicants' representative, Stephanie Wardwell, on November 4, 2009. The Examiner prepared an Interview Summary dated November 9, 2009, including a statement as to the substance of the interview. The Examiner's statement as to the substance of the interview is as follows:

The amendment to the claims filed 10-29-09 was discussed. Applicant's representative explained the differences between the cited references and the claimed invention. The examiner gained a clearer understanding of the claimed invention. However, Applicant's representative was informed that an updated search and consideration of the prior art would be necessary in light of the amendment of the claims.

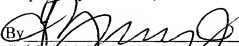
Examiner Epps-Smith is thanked for speaking with Applicants' representative on November 4, 2009, regarding the present application. Applicants' representative has reviewed the statement of the substance of the interview in the Examiner's Interview Summary and concurs with her statement.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Stephanie Wardwell Reg. No. 48,025 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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